

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. - 13. (Canceled).

14. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing asparagine-linked oligosaccharide derivatives, comprising the steps of:

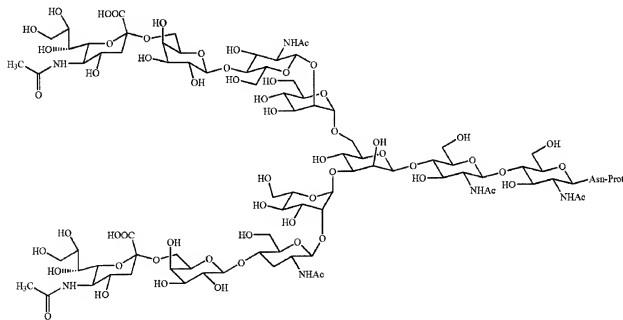
- (a) treating a delipidated egg yolk with a protease to obtain a mixture of peptide-linked oligosaccharides;
- (b) isolating the mixture of peptide-linked oligosaccharides;
- (c) treating the isolated mixture of peptide-linked oligosaccharides with a peptidase to obtain a mixture of asparagine-linked oligosaccharides; and
- (d) introducing a lipophilic protective group into the asparagine-linked oligosaccharides in the mixture to obtain a mixture of asparagine-linked oligosaccharide derivatives.

15. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 14, further comprising the step of:

- (e) subjecting the mixture of asparagine-linked oligosaccharide derivatives to a fractionating chromatography using a reverse phase column to separate the mixture into individual asparagine-linked oligosaccharide derivatives.

16. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 14, wherein the asparagine-linked oligosaccharide derivatives are asparagine-linked undeca- to penta-saccharide derivatives.

17. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 16, wherein the asparagine-linked oligosaccharide derivatives are asparagine-linked undeca- to hepta-saccharide derivatives.
18. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 17, wherein the asparagine-linked oligosaccharide derivatives are asparagine-linked undeca- to nona-saccharide derivatives.
19. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 18, wherein the asparagine-linked oligosaccharide derivatives are asparagine-linked undecasaccharide derivatives.
20. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 19, wherein the asparagine-linked oligosaccharide derivatives have the following formula:



wherein Prot is a lipophilic protective group, Asn is an asparagine, and Ac is an acetyl group.